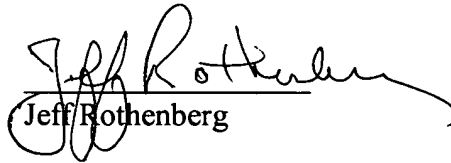


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a Cross-reference to Related Applications and Abstract of the Disclosure have been added to the specification, and original claims 1-10 have been amended and new claims 11-14 have been added to conform with U.S. practice. More particularly, the original claims have been amended to delete reference numbers, avoid multiple dependencies, transform the "characterizing" format, ensure clear antecedent basis and separately claim preferred features. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided. Claims 1-14 remain in this case.

Favorable consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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